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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### U.S. STERLING SECURITIES INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. as of December 31, 2018, the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Auditor's Report on Supplemental Information

The Schedule I, Computation of Net Capital Under SEC Rule 15c3-1 and Schedule II, Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5d-4 have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the Schedule I, Computation of Net Capital Under SEC Rule 15c3-1 and Schedule II, Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5d-4is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### DePietto CPA PC

DePietto CPA PC

We have served as U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s auditor since 2004.

Lake Success, New York

February 27, 2019

\$<u>138,485</u>

#### **U.S. STERLING SECURITIES INC.**

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### **December 31, 2018**

#### **ASSETS**

#### **Current Assets:**

| Cash                                  | \$ 60,730         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Receivable from clearing organization | 9,114             |
| Deposits with clearing organization   | 50,286            |
| Security Deposits                     | 18,3 <u>55</u>    |
|                                       | \$ <u>138,485</u> |

#### LIABILITIES and STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| Current Liabilities:   |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses  | \$ <u>37,030</u>                    |
|  | <u>37,030</u>                       |
| Stockholders' Equity:  |                                     |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, 100 shares authorized<br>10 shares issued and outstanding<br>Additional paid in capital<br>Retained Earnings | 10<br>276,859<br><u>( 175,414</u> ) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity   | <u>101,455</u>                      |

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditor's Report"

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### Revenue:

| Commissions Interest Income Other Income  Expenses   | \$ 256,367<br>314<br><u>992</u><br>257,673                                       |
|--|--|
| Professional Fees Commissions Paid Administrative Fees Clearing Charges Occupancy Regulatory Fees Insurance Other Expenses | \$ 22,346<br>117,448<br>54,530<br>25,011<br>40,869<br>30,636<br>16,049<br>40,003 |
| Total expenses   | 346,892  |
| Net Income(Loss) from operations   | <u>\$(89,219)</u>  |

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

|                             | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid in Capital | Retained<br><u>Earnings</u> | <u>Equity</u>       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance - January 1, 2018   | \$ 10           | \$ 170,859                    | \$(86,195)                  | \$ 84,674           |
| Additional Paid in Capital  |                 | 106,000                       |                             | 106,000             |
| Net Income(Loss)            |                 |                               | ( 89,219)                   | \$ <u>(89,219</u> ) |
| Balance – December 31, 2018 | \$10            | \$ <u>276,859</u>             | \$ (175,414)                | \$101,45 <u>5</u>   |

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditor's Report"

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### **Cash Flows from Operating Activities:**

| Net Income(Loss)   | \$( 89,219)          |
|--|----------------------|
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to<br>net cash flows provided by operating activities: |                      |
| Receivable from clearing organization  | 2,958                |
| Deposits with clearing organization  | (227)                |
| Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses  | (5,664)              |
| Net change in operating activities   | \$ ( <u>92,152</u> ) |
| Cash from Financing activities:  |                      |
| Capital contribution   | \$ <u>106,000</u>    |
| Net cash provided by financing activities:   | \$ <u>106,000</u>    |
|  |                      |
| Net increase in cash   | 13,848               |
| Cash at beginning of year  | <u>46,882</u>        |
| Cash at end of year  | \$ <u>60,730</u>     |

NOTE 1: Nature of Business

#### Organization

U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. (The Company) was incorporated in the State of New York on March 10, 1992 when it commenced domestic USA market operations. The company is a registered broker-dealer with current membership in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and is duly registered as a broker-dealer with participating NASAA State administrators in 43 States. The company is designated a registered Municipal Broker by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) and is a current member of the (Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). All of the Company's executable trades are cleared through its clearing broker. The company has from time to time entered into or maintained, selling agreements for non-executing securities transaction with federal or state registered or licensed institutions, or other permitted entities. The company is classified by its Designated Regulatory Authority (DRA,) FINRA, as an Institutional non-clearing introducing broker-dealer.

#### NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management of the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and labilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All unrestricted highly liquid investments with initial or remaining maturities of less than 90 days at the time of purchase are considered cash and cash equivalents. The Company's cash is held by major financial institutions. At times, such amount may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") limit. At December 31, 2018, the Company's cash did not exceed the limit. At December 31, 2018, the Company did not have any cash equivalents.

Receivables from Clearing Broker

Receivables from clearing broker on the statement of financial condition consist of commissions earned by the Company that are held with the clearing broker as follows:

Receivable from clearing broker

#### NOTE 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

#### Revenues

The Company earns commission revenue from effecting trades in U.S. equity that are listed on an exchange, debt securities as offered federal or state institutions are large qualified corporate issuers. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade date basis.

#### Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740, Income Taxes, ("ASC 740"). Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. To the extent that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets will not be recognized, a valuation allowance would be established to offset their benefit.

In accordance with ASC 740, the Company is required to disclose unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions. ASC 740 defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax return positions in the financial statements as "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the taxing authority and requires measurement of a tax position meeting the more-likely-than-not criterion, based on the largest benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized. The Company was not required to recognize any amounts from uncertain tax positions.

Generally, federal, state and local authorities may examine the Company's tax returns for three years from the date of filing; consequently, the years 2015 through 2018 are subject to examination by tax authorities.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company estimates that the fair value of financial instruments recognized on the statement of financial condition approximates their carrying value, as such financial instruments are short term in nature. Other assets and liabilities with short and intermediate-term maturities and defined settlement amounts, including receivables, payables, and accrued expenses are reported at their contractual amounts, which approximate fair value.

#### **NOTE 3: Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments are measured and reported on a fair value basis. The ASC defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value, as well as a fair value hierarchy based on inputs used to measure fair value.

This hierarchy requires the Company to use observable market data, when available, and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs when determining fair value.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on inputs used to establish fair value as follows:

- Level I: Valuation inputs are unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Level 2: Valuation inputs are quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and other valuation techniques utilizing observable inputs directly or indirectly related to the asset or liability being measured;
- Level 3: Valuation techniques utilize inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

At December 31, 2018, the Company did not own any financial assets or liabilities other than cash and cash equivalents and other assets and liabilities with no inventory issues of short and intermediate term maturities and/or defined settlement amounts in the normal course of trade. The carrying amounts of cash and other assets and liabilities with stipulated earned defined settlement amounts are reported at their contractual amounts, which approximates fair value acceptable as an industry standard.

#### NOTE 5: Deposit with Clearing Firm

cash deposited with its clearing pursuant The Company maintains disclosed clearing agreement ("Clearing Agreement") entered into on December 10, 1998 with additional amendments added through August 28, 2007, which is meant to assure the Company's performance, including limited the indemnification obligations specified in the Clearing Agreement. At December 31, 2018, the Company had \$50,286 Hilltop Securities. The deposit does not represent an ownership Hilltop Securities.

#### NOTE 6: Concentration of Risk

The Company maintains its cash with major financial institutions, which at times may exceed the FDIC limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company is also exposed to credit risk as it relates to its securities business. The responsibility for processing customer activity rests with its clearing broker. The Company's c learing agreement provides that credit losses relating to unsecured debits or unsecured short positions of the Company's customers are charged back to the Company.

In accordance with industry practice, the clearing broker records customer transactions on a settlement date basis, which is generally three business days after the trade date. The Clearing broker is therefore exposed to the risk of loss on these transactions in the event of the customer's inability to meet the terms of its contracts, in which case it may have to purchase or sell the underlying financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its customer-related obligations. Any loss incurred by the clearing broker is charged back to the Company.

#### NOTE 7: Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires broker dealers to maintain minimum net capital. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital shall not exceed 15 to 1 for ongoing concerns. The Rule requires that the Company maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$50,000 or 6 2/3% of "aggregate indebtedness", as those terms are defined in the Rule. At December 31, 2018, the Company had a net capital of \$83,100 which was \$33,100 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 44.56%. Advances to affiliates, dividend payments and other withdrawals a re subject to certain notification and other requirements of Rule 15c3-1 and other regulatory bodies.

The Company is exempt for the provision of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Paragraph (k) (2)(ii). As an introducing broker, the Company clears customer transactions on a fully disclosed basis and promptly transmits all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker The clearing broker carries all of the accounts of such customers and maintains and preserves such books and records.

#### NOTE 8: Related Party Transaction

The Company maintains an expense sharing agreement from U.S. Sterling Capital Corp., a related party, which provides professional and administrative staff, facilities and services necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the Company's business operations. The Company paid \$152,069 to the related party during 2018 for those expenses.

#### NOTE 9:. Accounting Development

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 outlines a new model for accounting by lessees, whereby their rights and obligations under substantially all leases, existing and new, would be capitalized and recorded on the balance sheet. For lessors, however, the accounting remains largely unchanged from the current model, with the distinction between operating and financing leases retained, but updated to align with certain changes to the lessee model and the new revenue recognition standard. The new standard also replaces existing sale-leaseback guidance with a new model applicable to both lessees and lessors. Additionally, the new standard requires extensive quantitative and qualitative disclosures. ASU 2016 02 is effective for U.S. GAAP public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15,2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application will be permitted for all entities. The new standard must be adopted using a modified retrospective transition of the new guidance and provides for certain practical expedients. Transition will require application of the new model at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. The Company adopted ASU 2016-02 on January I, 2019. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-02 to have a material impact on its financial statements and disclosures.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash, a consensus of the FASB is Emerging Issues Task Force ("ASU 2016-18"). ASU 2016-18 requires that amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-18 does not provide a definition of restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. ASU 2016-18 is effective for public business entities for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. For all other entities, ASU 2016-18 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period, and should be applied using a retrospective transition method. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-18 to have a material impact on its financial statements and Disclosures thereof.

NOTE 9:. Accounting Development (Cont.)

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018·13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure framework —Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement ("ASU 2018-13"). The objective of ASU 2018-13 is to improve the effectiveness of disclosures in the notes to financial statements by facilitating clear communication of information required by U.S. GAAP. The amendments in ASU 2018-13 added, removed and modified certain fair value measurement disclosure requirements. ASU 2018-13 is effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The amendments on changes in unrealized gains and losses, the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements, and the narrative description of measurement uncertainty should be applied prospectively for only the most recent interim or annual period presented in the initial fiscal year of adoption. All other amendments should be applied retrospectively to all periods presented upon their effective date. Early adoption is permitted upon issuance of ASU 2018-13. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2018-13 to have a material impact on its financial statements and disclosures.

#### NOTE 10: Subsequent Events

In preparing the accompanying financial statements, the Company has reviewed events that have occurred after December 31, 2018, through the date of issuance of these financial statements on February 27, 2019. During this period, the Company did not have any material subsequent events that are required to be disclosed in the financial statements.

# U.S. STERLING SECURITIES, INC. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO Sec RULE 15c3-1 December 31, 2018

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| 1.    | Total Ownership Equity   | \$       | 101,455          |
|-------|--|----------|------------------|
| 2.    | Deductions and/or charges<br>Non-allowable assets:<br>Security deposit<br>Total non-allowable assets | _        | 18,355<br>18,355 |
| 3.    | Tentative net capital  |          | 83,100           |
| 4.    | Less: Haircuts   | _        | 0                |
| 5.    | Net Capital  | \$_      | 83,100           |
| Compu | tation of Basic Net Capital Requirement  |          |                  |
| 1.    | Minimum Net Capital Required -<br>(6 2/3% Aggregate Indebtedness)                                    |          | 2,469            |
| 2.    | Minimum Dollar Net Capital   |          | 50,000           |
| 3.    | Net Capital Requirement  |          | 50,000           |
| 4.    | Net Capital  | -        | 83,100           |
| 5.    | Excess Net Capital   | \$       | 33,100           |
| 6.    | Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital   | <u>.</u> | 4456 to 1        |
| Compu | tation of Aggregate Indebtedness   |          |                  |
| 7.    | Total Liabilities  | \$       | 37,030           |
| 8.    | Non Aggregate Indebtedness Liabilities   | \$       | 37,030           |

## U.S. STERLING SECURITIES, INC. RECONCILIATION OF COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5(d)(4)

#### For the Period Ended December 31, 2018

|  | Orig. Filing<br>X-17A-5<br>USSI FINOP | Per Cert.<br>Financial<br>Report | Recon.<br>in Filing vs.<br>Financial |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| NET CAPITAL  |                                       |                                  |                                      |
| Equity   | \$ 100,204                            | \$ 101,455                       | \$ 1,251                             |
| Deductions and /or charges Non-allowable assets:                                 |                                       |                                  |                                      |
| Other assets   | 18,355                                | 18,355                           | _                                    |
| Total non-allowable assets   | 18,355                                | 18,355                           | -                                    |
| Tentative Net Capital  | 81,849                                | 83,100                           | 1,251                                |
| Haircuts   | 0                                     | 0                                | 0                                    |
| Net Capital (15c3-1)   | \$ <u>81,849</u>                      | \$ 83,100                        | \$1,251                              |
| AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS Items included in statement of financial condition:       | ф 20 204                              | \$ 37,030                        | (\$4.254 <u>)</u>                    |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 38,281                             | \$ 37,030                        | (\$1,251)                            |
| Total indebtedness   | \$ 38,281                             | \$ 37,030                        | (\$1,251)                            |
| COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT                                     |                                       |                                  |                                      |
| Minimum net capital requirement or greater of 100,000 Minimum net capital 15c3-1 | \$ 50,000                             | \$ 50,000                        |                                      |
| Excess net capital  Net capital less greater of 10% of minimum total             | \$ 31,849                             | \$ 33,100                        | <u>\$1,251</u>                       |
| Indebtedness or 120% of minimum net capital requirement                          | \$ 21,849                             | \$ 23,100                        | <u>\$1,251</u>                       |
| Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital                                     | 46.77%                                | 44.56%                           | 2.21%                                |
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Other difference due to rounding

<sup>&</sup>quot;See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditor's Report"



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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (2) (ii) (exemption provision) and (2) U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. stated that U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DePietto CPA PC

DePietto CPA PC Lake Success, New York February 27, 2019

### U.S. Sterling Securities, Inc. 2018 Exemption Report Notice Pursuant to 15c3-3

U.S. Sterling Securities, Inc.

U.S. Sterling Securities, Inc., the firm, is a registered broker-dealer. To the best of its knowledge and belief, has met, affirms and attests to the following information, declaration and statements, pursuant to the annual report herein incorporated by reference, as true, accurate and factual, as expressed herein, which is the status of the firm at all times during most recent fiscal year ending December 31,2018: (1) that the firm maintained at all times the exemption provisions in paragraph k2(ii) Specifically the mechanism of the exemptive provision, the functional application of the regulation as applied in the this report to the operation of U.S. Sterling Securities is a non-carrying broker-dealer who is claiming an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 and therefore is required to file (i) an Exemption Report asserting that it is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 because it meets one or more of the conditions with respect to its business activities under Rule 15c3-3(k) and (ii). Specifically the firm has relied upon (the following is the firms attesting statement that identifies the provisions in paragraph (k) of SEC Rule 15c3-3, under which the report, firm relied):

The firm is an introducing broker or dealer, clears all transactions with and for all customers on a fully disclosed basis with its clearing broker and the firm promptly transmits all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker or dealer who carries all of the accounts of the firms customers and maintains and preserves such books and records pertaining thereto pursuant to the requirements of § 240.17a-3 and §240.17a-4 incorporated by reference of applicable sections of 15c3, as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker or dealer, of Rule 15c3-3 throughout the most recent fiscal year ending December 31, without any exception, actual or apparent; there are no exceptions noted for the firm for fiscal year December 31,2018.

The firm further attests and represents in this exemption report it has met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year ending December 31,2018 without exception; therefore to the best of its knowledge it has not identified any exception during the during frame of this report.

Attested:

U.S. Sterling Securities, Inc.

I Herbert A Orr affirm that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Compliance Report is true and correct.

Respectfully,

HERBERT A ORR. President CEO



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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and with the SIPC Series 600 Rules, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) with respect to the accompanying General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) of U.S. Sterling Securities Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2018, solely to assist you and SIPC in evaluating U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s management is responsible for U.S. Sterling Securities Inc.'s compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1) Compared the listed assessment overpayment of \$223 on Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries, noting no differences;
- 2) Compared the Total Revenue amount reported on the Annual Audited Report Form X-17A-5 Part III for the year ended December 31, 2018 with the Total Revenue amount reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2018, noting a \$2 difference;
- 3) Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers, noting no differences;
- 4) Recalculated the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments, noting no differences; and
- 5) Compared the amount of any overpayment applied of \$189 to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the applicable instructions of the Form SIPC-7. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



DePietto CPA PC Lake Success, New York February 27, 2019

# (36-REV 12/18)

## SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

#### General Assessment Reconciliation

(36-REV 12/18)

For the fiscal year ended 12/31/2018 (Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

#### TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

| 1. Na<br>purpo           | me of Member, address, Designated Examining ses of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5  | Authority, 1934 Act registration: | no. and month in wh   | ich fiscal year ends for |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                          | 8*8***********************************  |                                   | mailing label requir<br>any corrections to f<br>indicate on the form<br>Name and telephon<br>contact respecting | e number of person to    |
| 2. A.                    | General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)  |                                   | \$  | 34                       |
| В.                       | Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude in   | nterest)                          | (   | )                        |
| C.                       | Date Paid Less prior overpayment applied  | •                                 | ·<br>(  | 223                      |
| D.                       | Assessment balance due or (overpayment)   |                                   |   | (189)                    |
| E.                       | Interest computed on late payment (see instruc  | ction E) fordays at 20%           | per annum   |                          |
| F.                       | Total assessment balance and interest due (or   | overpayment carried forward)      | \$  | (189)                    |
| G.                       | PAYMENT: √ the box<br>Check mailed to P.O. Box □ Funds Wired □<br>Total (must be same as F above)   | ACH () \$                         |   |                          |
| Н.                       | Overpayment carried forward   | \$(                               | )   |                          |
| 3. Su<br>                | osidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in t   | this form (give name and 1934     | Act registration numb   | per):                    |
| perso<br>that a<br>and c | IPC member submitting this form and the by whom it is executed represent thereby il information contained herein is true, correct amplete.  the | (Name                             | Corporation, Partnership or of Security (Authorized Signature   | ther organization)       |
| This                     | orm and the assessment payment is due 60 d<br>period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 y   | ays after the end of the fisca    | (Title)   | orking Copy of this form |
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| E                        | Postmarked Received   | Reviewed                          |   |                          |
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### DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period beginning 1/1/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

(to page 1, line 2.A.)

| Item No.<br>2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)   | \$ 257672          |
|--|--------------------|
| <ul><li>2b. Additions:</li><li>(1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.</li></ul>  |                    |
| (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.  |                    |
| (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.   |                    |
| (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.   |                    |
| (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.  |                    |
| (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.                      | ng net             |
| (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.   |                    |
| Total additions  |                    |
| 2c. Deductions:  | ment               |
| (2) Revenues from commodity transactions.  |                    |
| (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with<br>securities transactions.   | 25011              |
| (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.  |                    |
| (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.   |                    |
| (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and<br>(ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less<br>from issuance date. | 210277             |
| (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue<br>related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).                           |                    |
| (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business.<br>(See Instruction C):  |                    |
| (Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)  |                    |
| (9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. \$  |                    |
| (ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).  | ·<br>- <del></del> |
| Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)  | ·                  |
| Total deductions   | 235288             |
| 2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues  | \$                 |
| 2e. General Assessment @ .0015   | \$ <u> </u>        |